2 3 5 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT 6 WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON AT SEATTLE 8 C-A ACQUISITION CORP. and CLOANTO Civil Action No.: C19-683 RSM CORPORATION, EX PARTE MOTION AND ORDER TO Plaintiffs, EXTEND TIME FOR FILING INITIAL 10 DISCLOSURES, HOLDING RULE 26(f) CONFERENCE, AND FILE VS. 11 JOINT STATUS REPORT HYPERION ENTERTAINMENT C.V.B.A., 12 Defendant. 13 14 15 Pursuant to Pursuant to LCR 7(d)(1), Plaintiffs C-A Acquisition Corp. and Cloanto Corporation (jointly, "Plaintiffs") move the Court for an order to extend for sixty (60) days the 16 following times set forth in the Court's Order of August 9, 2019 ("August 9<sup>th</sup> Order"): 17 9/20/2019 18 Joint Status Report 19 Rule 26(f) Conference 9/6/2019 20 Initial Disclosures 9/13/2019 21 Plaintiffs so move because Defendant Hyperion Entertainment CVBA ("Hyperion") has declined to accept service of the Summons and Complaint in this action, and service of process is being 22 23 made in accordance with the Hague Convention for service of foreign entities. 24 On May 8, 2019, Plaintiffs' counsel Michael Atkins asked Robert Carlson, counsel of record for Hyperion in Cloanto Corporation v. Hyperion, 18-cv-00381-RSM, whether Hyperion 25 26 would agree to waive service in this action. Mr. Carlson did not respond. On May 17, 2019,

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Plaintiffs' counsel Gordon E. R. Troy asked Sarah Elsden, also counsel of record for Hyperion in the earlier case, whether Hyperion would agree to waive service in this action. On May 22, 2019, Ms. Elsden advised Plaintiffs' counsel that her firm was not authorized by Hyperion to do so.

On July 17, 2019, Plaintiffs' counsel sent the Amended Complaint to Plaintiffs' counsel in Belgium for translation and service. Belgian counsel has advised that instructions for service were given to the bailiff on July 31, 2019, but as of the date of this Motion, service has not been confirmed. On August 12, 2019, Ms. Elsden advised Plaintiffs' counsel that her firm had not been retained to represent Hyperion in this action.

Consequently, no appearance has been filed by anyone on behalf of Hyperion. Plaintiffs propose that the dates set forth in the August 9<sup>th</sup> Order be extended by sixty days as follows:

Deadline/Event	Current	Proposed
Rule 26(f) Conference	9/6/2019	11/5/2019
Initial Disclosures	9/13/2019	11/12/2019
Joint Status Report	9/20/2019	11/19/2019

Plaintiffs' request is not sought for purposes of delay, but rather due to the fact that Hyperion has declined to accept service. Plaintiffs believe that service of the Summons and Amended Complaint was effected on August 20, 2019, but counsel has not yet received a certificate of service from the Belgian bailiff.

Respectfully submitted this 21st day of August 2019. By /s/ Gordon E. R. Troy 3 Gordon E. R. Troy Pro Hac Vice Gordon E. R. Troy, PC 5203 Shelburne Road Shelburne, VT 05482 Tel. (802) 881-0640 Fax (610) 588-1962 gtroy@webtm.com By <u>/s/ Michael G. Atkins</u>
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## **ORDER**

Based on the facts set forth in Plaintiffs' *Motion to Extend Time for Filing Initial Disclosures, Holding Rule 26(f) Conference, and File Joint Status Report* (the "Motion"), the Court finds good cause exists to extend each of the dates by sixty (60) days, as requested in the Motion. Accordingly, the Rule 26(f) Conference shall be held by no later than 11/5/2019; Initial Disclosures shall be due on 11/12/2019; and a Joint Status Report shall be due on 11/19/2019.

DATED this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of August 2019.

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CHIEF UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE

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